

## M. W. A. CENSUS NOW BEING TAKEN

Machine Used by Government Bureau Being Employed in Compiling Data of the Society.

IS FIRST SOCIETY TO EMPLOY IT

Verification of Current Figures is a Huge Task, But Device Aids in Accuracy.

When a fraternal beneficiary society attains the great state of the Modern Woodmen of America, the problem of maintaining an accurate statistical record of its membership assumes serious proportions. It has been the practice of this society to take a complete census by actual count of the individual membership cards whenever, in the judgment of the head clerk, a verification of its current figures seems advisable.

Head Clerk McNamara now has a fine of clerks at work tallying the membership on the basis of reports the May 1, 1915, and in order to meet the requirements of the society for a complete historical summary of its vital statistics, this tally is extended so as to show each member's camp number, state, rate of assessment, entry year, entry age, amount of insurance, etc.

As may be imagined, this is an enormous undertaking. On former occasions when the census was taken, all this tallying was done by hand, but that method has never been satisfactory.

Taken With Machine.

The present census is being taken with the assistance of specially designed machines, which insure a maximum of accuracy and at the same time enable the work to be done with much greater economy than under the old system. First, a card, especially designed to the recording of the necessary data is punched in such a manner that the perforations will show the exact information the census takes on each. These cards are then counted so as to verify the membership as compared with the report of the camp on the particular assessment on which the tally is made. This counting is done by a machine that not only tallies the membership by camp, but also maintains a record of the total number of cards passed through it for the entire day, thus enabling the department in charge of the work to know exactly how many cards have been handled during the day's operations.

Later, these cards are run through an electrically operated sorting machine constructed somewhat on the principle of a player piano, which is designed so as to select each card according to the camp number and drop it into its own special compartment, after which another machine count is made and the final data tabulated for record purposes. An accurate classification of the membership is thus made possible and the chance of error reduced to a minimum.

These wonderful machines were originally designed for use in the United States census bureau at Washington in taking the national census, and so far as is known here, the Modern Woodmen of America is the first fraternal society to recognize the great value of the appliances and take advantage of them in compiling its statistical information.

## TWO RAIDS MADE AND 31 ARRESTS

Standard Hotel and Place on Twenty-second Street Receive Attention of Police.

Thirty-one people were arrested and fined as a result of two raids made on houses, one of which is known as the Standard hotel and which is on Twenty-second street between First and Second avenues. The other was located on Twenty-second street between Third and Fourth avenues. Arrests were made Saturday night, and hearings were held this morning, starting at 6 o'clock, before Police Magistrate C. J. Smith.

Grace Martin was arrested as keeper of the Standard hotel. She was fined \$25 and costs. Five women inmates were each fined \$10 and costs. Five men paid \$2 and costs for disorderly conduct.

Jennie and Austin Mills were each

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fined \$25 and costs as keepers of the house on Twenty-second street. Three women arrested there paid \$10 and costs and four men were assessed \$2 and costs.

The names given were Scottious, Chief Miller, Night Captain Kittleson and Officers Berry, Grady, Collins and Liebman made the arrests.

## GRAND JURY WILL RESUME ITS TASK

Number Awaiting Action of Secret Body, Including Two Charged With Murder.

Members of the grand jury for the May term of circuit court will reconvene tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock, as ordered by Judge R. W. Olmsted recently, upon the recommendation of State's Attorney F. E. Thompson.

A number of important criminal matters have come up since the jury filed its report, including two murder cases. Elmer Le Rette is held to the grand jury by the coroner on a charge of slaying Edward Zerbe, Illinois driver, near Watertown, and Verne Madden, Davenport, is held in connection with the killing of John B. Schoessel on the night of Nov. 7, 1913.

## BUFFALO SALOON MAY BE LICENSED

Understood Council Will Take Up Question at Tonight's Meeting For Final Action.

Although it could not be verified at the city hall today, it is quite likely that an ordinance licensing the Buffalo saloon, 316 Twenty-fourth street, will be presented to the council at the regular meeting this evening.

As far as could be learned the stand taken by the commission in informal session 10 days ago has not changed. The mayor and three commissioners still looking with favor on granting the Buffalo a permit and one remaining against it.

Residents of the hill section will also likely appear before the council with the petition against building the new \$20,000 sanatorium on Thirteenth avenue and Twenty-seventh street. The council will be asked, it is understood, to take immediate action on this matter.

There are still a few city plums remaining to be distributed and it may be that some of these will be given out this evening. The city treasurer and city engineer are the more important positions on which action of the council as yet has not been taken.

The appointment of treasurer will not be made this evening, but it is understood that there will be a change.

Under the old ordinance a man could not be elected city treasurer two terms in succession, according to provisions of the statute, and this will likely be interpreted as holding in cases of appointment under the commission form.

There will likely be no change in the office of city engineer, for although the appointment has not been presented to the council it is understood that Wallace Treichler will be named to succeed himself in that office. The majority of commissioners look with favor on him, it is understood.

## BRIGHTEN UP GUNS FOR MEMORIAL DAY

Preparatory to the observance of memorial exercises, cannon on the court house campus are being brightened and polished by the inmates of the county jail. The guns have been neglected for several years.

## COAL VALLEY CLASS TO HEAR THOMPSON

State's Attorney F. E. Thompson has accepted an invitation to deliver the address to the members of the graduating class of the high school at Coal Valley. The exercises are to be held June 1.

## POLICE NEWS

Four men were tried this morning for disorderly conduct. J. J. Murphy and Cyril Ada, arrested before Police Magistrate C. J. Smith, paid \$5 and costs each and M. J. Leahy and Charles Johnson, tried before Justice of the Peace Carl Kuehl, were assessed \$5 and costs.

## AT THE COLUMBIA.

The La Salle Musical Stock company wound up a week's stay at the Columbia theatre yesterday, presenting "Lovers and Lunatics." This production was easily the best of the week, and every member in the company was at his or her best. The result was encored for every musical number in the play. Guy Voyer and Eileen Morrison again starred in their respective parts. The biggest hit of the evening was an imitation of Charles Chaplin, the screen comedian, by the chorus in his new song, "The New Step."

Starting tonight and all of this week Henry W. Savage offers his nine reel motion picture play, "Uncle Sam at Work." The play is based on the book, "The American Government," by Frederick J. Haskin.

All the news all the time—The Argus.

## NEW PUMP TO BE IN REGULAR USE

Snow Device Will Be Used as Auxiliary Until It Is Repaired in the Fall.

COMMISSIONER MURRIN DECREES

New Apparatus Given Formal Test and Comes Up to All Expectations.

Commissioner J. A. Murrin decreed today that the new \$4,522 Worthington pump is to be used as the regular pumping device at the waterworks and the Snow engine, which has been operating in the past, will be utilized as an auxiliary.

This settles one of the matters left over by the last commission. At the time that the new pump was purchased there was a difference of opinion between the commissioners as to which device should be used as the regular.

Commissioner Murrin declared, however, that it is likely that by the first of next year the Snow pump will be placed back in regular and the Worthington as the auxiliary. The Snow pump needs considerable repairing, but this will not be undertaken until fall, since during the summer there is a heavy demand for water, and it is thought best to keep it in reserve.

Shows Well in Test.

The formal test of the new pump, lasting over 12 hours, ended late Saturday night and the results were entirely satisfactory from the viewpoint of city officials who inspected it. It thus repeated the showing made at the factory at Harrison, N. J., and in the first tryout here made a week before.

The pump started operations at 10 o'clock in the morning and it continued pumping late into the night. The Kerr steam turbine completes 3,500 revolutions per minute while the pump revolves at one-half that rate. It forces the water through a 10-inch main against a 273 foot head, at a pressure of 95 pounds.

## CITY RATES FOR NEW TERRITORY

Annexed Section Receives City Telephone Service After First of the Month.

Residents of the newly annexed territory will no longer be compelled to undergo the annoyances which accompany the possession of a rural telephone. After June 1 all owners of phones there will be given city service and city rates.

At the present time there is extra charge for rural lines, according to the radius served, each fourth of a mile adding something like \$2.75 to the yearly cost. At the close of this month the regular city charges will prevail and the residents will be given individual lines or party lines as they desire.

The "rubbering" which is so common on rural lines will be eliminated when the new service goes into effect. The change will cause no dissatisfaction on that score.

Heretofore the limits of the city telephone service has been a line which would correspond from the Mississippi river to Moline. Now the territory is increased to extend south from Twentieth avenue on Twenty-fourth street to Rock river.

## FINGERS BURNED BY A LIVE WIRE

Herbert Ryerson Has Narrow Escape From Death by Electrocution While in Tree.

Herbert, 10-year-old son of County Recorder and Mrs. Samuel Ryerson, 1046 Fourteenth street, had a narrow escape from death by electrocution Saturday afternoon at 4:40 while playing in a tree at the home of a neighbor, Frank A. Shimeke, 1117 Fourteenth street.

While climbing about the tree, Herbert took hold of one of several electric wires which had been strung through it. With rare presence of mind, the boy caught another limb and pulled himself away from the danger, falling to the ground. He sustained in addition to a bruise on his head, serious burns on four fingers of his right hand. Dr. Joseph De Silva was called.

## MUST CEASE USE OF WALKS AS SPEEDWAYS

Complaint made to Commissioner J. A. Liedtke by residents in the west end of bicycle and motorcycle riders using the sidewalks as a speedway will likely bring forth an order to the police department to closely watch for violators of the ordinance dealing with riding on the walks. Children at play have had narrow escapes and the continuance of this pernicious practice must cease, according to the commissioner.

## ADVERTISED LETTERS

United States Postoffice, Rock Island, Ill., May 23, 1915.—Advertised list No. 31: Laurence Asa, Adams Rug company, Mrs. W. H. Bond, Mrs. H. McKay Beattie, John Burns, Charley Carter, Chester N. Drake, Mrs. C. M.

## DRIVE POLITICS OUT OF JUDICIAL AFFAIRS

Democratic Nominees for Circuit Judge

SAMUEL R. KENWORTHY  
Rock Island county.  
A. E. BERGLAND  
Henry county.

Dorr, Birdie Davis, Mabel Evans, Mrs. William Edwards, Jacob Gipe, A. G. Goldberg, Lawrence Hagerman, Frank Johnson, R. A. Josselyn, Davey Jackson, J. H. Johns, Mrs. E. J. Kelley, Miss Myrtle Keeton, Mrs. Laura M. Lake, J. J. Lyddy, Charles Larson, Frank Muckler, Rev. A. M. Marlin, Genevieve McMahon, Mrs. Carl Miller, Miss Beulah Nelson, Dr. Poor, August Peterson, H. Pahl, P. P. Pascal, Mrs. Charles Rounds, Grafton L. Riddell, Fred Smith, W. H. Strong, L. O. Triebel, S. Tontek, William Wallace, Miss J. Warnock, J. H. Walters, Mrs. B. Weaverling, Jud Wetterling, Miss Anna Wilson, Mrs. Bertha Voder, Fred Zimmerman.

HARRY P. SIMPSON,  
Postmaster.

## MAYOR GETS GOLD STAR AS PRESENT

Charles Flebig Presents Him With Seat Emblem and Chief Miller Is Bedecked With New One.

Mayor William McConochie was presented with a gold star bearing the words "Mayor, Rock Island, Illinois," by Charles Flebig this morning. The emblem of office is a neat affair and shows excellent workmanship.

Chief Phil Miller is also bedecked with a new gold star, bearing the words "Chief of Police, Rock Island, Illinois." It was also made by Mr. Flebig.

It is likely that new stars will be made for the police officers and since an order for new summer helmets was placed today, with the new uniforms arriving the latter part of the week, the police will present a neat appearance when participating in the parade in the Decoration day exercises Monday.

## ARRESTED ON CLAIM HE STOLE A WATCH

Frank Trout was arrested this morning by Officer John Kinney on information given the police by Dr. A. R. McBurney, veterinarian, whose office is at 1511 Fourth avenue. Dr. McBurney claimed Trout, who at one time worked around the office, stole a gold watch and chain. Trout claimed that it was given him and that he had sold the watch for \$1.50. The watch was recovered and no charges were preferred by the veterinarian against Trout. The chain is still missing but Trout could not explain its disappearance.

## ANOTHER BURGLARY BY BERT FERGUSON

Bert Ferguson, who was arrested here by Detective Cox, who also confessed to burglarizing the office of Dr. W. D. Sively and was subsequently held to the grand jury, it was learned today may also face a charge of burglary entered the office of Dr. Nelson M. Moore, on Twentieth street, and taking an instrument valued at \$12.

The office it was discovered last Monday morning had been entered the night before, but nothing was missed. Two panels had been kicked in to give entrance to the place. It was learned today that Ferguson had sold the instrument at the Barnes second hand store in Davenport. Dr. Moore identified the device.

## GOMPERS IS OUT OF LEGISLATIVE BODY

New York, May 24.—The resignation of Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, as a member of the American Association for Labor Legislation became known today when Mr. Gompers issued a call to organized labor to oppose the association because of its advocacy of the bill merging the state workmen's compensation commission with the state labor department of New York. In a letter to the secretary of the association, Mr. Gompers complained that the merger was a direct blow at organized labor.

## Flanders Beat Ramblers.

The East Moline Flanders defeated the Moline Ramblers on the Campbell's island diamond Sunday afternoon by a score of 9 to 6. Bledsoe for the Flanders struck out 13 men. The Flanders clash with the Moline Colts on the island grounds next Sunday.

Italy Holds \$20,000,000 in Ships. Rome, May 23. (via Paris, May 24.)—The value of Austrian and German ships now in Italian ports, which have become prizes of war is estimated at more than \$20,000,000.

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\$325 SCHILLER .....	\$125	\$300 KIMBALL .....	\$ 55
\$275 WILLARD .....	\$145	\$550 Nelson Player Piano	\$335
\$275 WAGNER .....	\$ 25	\$700 KNABE GRAND .....	\$200
\$650 BABY GRAND .....	\$350	\$500 Christman Player .....	\$225

## GRIGGS' MUSIC HOUSE

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## SILVIS COUNCIL OVERRIDES MAYOR

Big Row at Special Meeting Held Saturday Night Over Appointments Made by President.

FACTIONS GROWING MORE BITTER

Shannon-Bell-Roach Wing Takes Matters Into Its Own Hands and Names Village Officers.

At a special meeting Saturday night, which was much like the first session held, the Silvis village board took matters into its own hands, overrode President Watkins, made appointments and confirmed them. Plans for harmony by certain members were disregarded and personalities and bitter words again entered into the meeting. As the situation stands at present there is no hope for harmony during the life of the administration.

The Shannon-Bell-Roach faction, which is in control, made a mistake in the vote for Harry McCullough as day marshal. Both Shannon and Roach in some manner got the idea that McCullough was named by President Watkins for only 20 days. Later, when they found that it was for a permanent position, the room was in an uproar but the president refused to consider the vote, and the selection of McCullough stands.

President Watkins then offered for confirmation the appointment of Higgins for the office of night policeman, but the other faction stood pat for Hopson and affirmed his reappointment.

Councilman Abrams is still absent from Silvis and it is said that there is some doubt as to his return. Some of the citizens are already discussing the possibilities of holding a special election to fill his place. He is known to be aligned with the Shannon-Bell-Roach faction and a special election would give the Watkins men an opportunity to strengthen their position in the council.

## Have Trustees Right to Appoint?

A wrangle followed the appointments as to the right of the council to name the men. A negative opinion was read from Attorney F. H. Rallsback to the effect that appointments must be made by the president of the board and trustees. It was held that the board could not make appointments alone. The attorney was careful to state, however, that what he had said was merely an opinion.

The Shannon-Bell-Roach faction accuses Watkins and McKinley of want-

ing to rule, and some sensational developments are looked for in the near future.

## REJECT ALL PARK CONCESSION BIDS

Moline City Council Thinks It Ought to Get More Money for Privileges.

All bids for concessions at Prospect park for the coming year were rejected at a meeting of the Moline city council this morning. In fact, only two bids were received on the project and the amounts were away below what the city expected. C. V. Johnson was appointed to notify the bidders that the old bandstand at the park has been put in first class condition for a restaurant or cafe.

The bid of the Plambeck company for sewer and watermain along Twenty-seventh avenue was accepted. Nick Knack was reappointed city scavenger and Ben Webber was recommended for a position in the fire department. For over a year there has been a vacancy in station No. 4.

The protest of property owners at Fourth street and Twelfth avenue against the erection of a store building at that intersection was not allowed. It was pointed out that the building permit issued a year ago was legal.

## LASSEN MUD DRIVES PEOPLE FROM HOME

Redding, Cal., May 24.—Their farms buried by Lassen peak under a thick layer of volcanic mud which has solidified into an impervious hard pan, refugees from Hat Creek valley said today they had no intention, for the present at least, of returning to their homes. The menace of the volcano, they said, made life too precarious in the valley. Sixteen families fled from the valley when Saturday's tremendous explosion sent a river of ejecta down the mountain side. They found refuge in Burney, a hamlet far removed from the danger zone. Lassen was reported by automobilists to have been in eruption again last evening, but owing to cloudy skies the outbreak was not generally observed.

From small towns in the shadow of the mountain word came today that feverish excitement was prevailing. Fall Rivers, one of the villages, was subjected to a heavy fall of ashes.

All the news all the time—The Argus.

## NOT GUILTY PLEA OF INDICTED UNION MEN

Chicago, Ill., May 24.—Thirty-one of the labor leaders electrical contractors and electrical manufacturers indicted a month ago under the Sherman anti-trust act, were arraigned to plead in the federal court here today. Fourteen of them pleaded not guilty; 15 were given permission to demur to the indictments, and two filed pleas in abatement alleging that their names were incorrectly set forth in the indictments. In all one hundred men and firms were indicted. The remaining defendants are expected to be arraigned June 7.

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